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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF MEXICO FOR HATCHING EGGS EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

Hatching eggs must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate for Poultry and Hatching Eggs (VS Form 17-6) issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of both the consignor and consignee, identification of the hatching eggs, quantity, species, and the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) approval number. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The hatching eggs originate from flocks that are healthy and where no outbreaks of infectious bronchitis, Gumboro disease, and Marek's disease, have been reported to occur.
Los huevos provienen de aves sanas y de parvadas en donde no se han presentado brotes de bronquitis infecciosa, Gumboro y Mareks.
2. The hatching eggs originate from flocks free of velogenic Newcastle disease.
Los huevos se encuentran libres de la enfermedad de Newcastle de presentacion velogenica.
3. The hatching eggs originate from a country, state, region, hatchery, farm or flock where during the 12 months prior to shipment, there has been no known evidence, either serological or clinical, or detection by virus isolation, of avian influenza.
Las aves de las que se obtuvo el huevo proceden de una planta incubadora o granja, estado, region o pais donde no se ha detectado durante los doce meses previos al embarque, evidencia clinica, serologica o aislamiento viral de influenza aviar.
4. The hatching eggs originated from a country, state, region, hatchery, farm or flock tested free of avian salmonellosis (*S.pullorum* and *S.gallinarum*).
Las aves de las que se obtuvo el huevo proceden de una planta incubadora o granja, estado, region o pais libre de salmonellosis aviar.

TESTING REQUIREMENTS

Avian influenza: The flock of origin must be tested for AI within 30 days of shipment. Thirty five (35) samples must be taken from the flock and tested using the agar gel precipitin test (AGP). (Note: a flock is defined as the epidemiological unit -- and may consist of only one house, or more than one house. However, regardless of the number of houses, a *total of 35 samples* is required-- not 35 samples per house).

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. Hatching eggs must either be individually identified with the company's NPIP approval number or each egg carton must be sealed with a paper seal showing the NPIP U.S. Pullorum-typhoid Clean emblem and the company's approval number.
2. If the hatching eggs are not individually marked, then the cartons must be sealed as indicated above and the seal applied in such a way that the carton cannot be opened without breaking the seal.

OTHER INFORMATION

1. The U.S. Origin Health Certificate must be typewritten. Mexican Port Veterinarians will reject any certificates that are handwritten.
2. The Mexican port veterinarian will take 10 (ten) eggs from each shipment for testing for avian influenza. The eggs will be sent to the Mexican National Diagnostic Laboratory for testing. The shipment will NOT be detained at the port of entry but will proceed to destination.